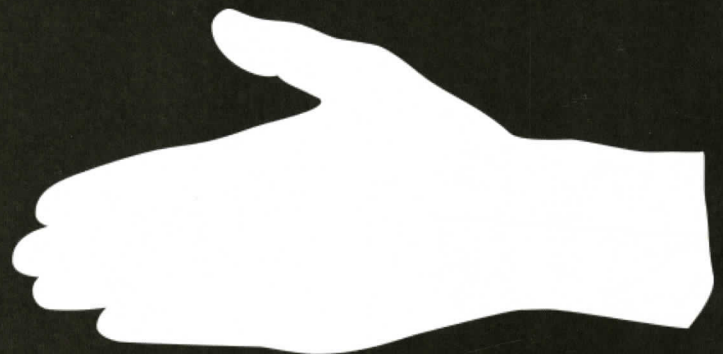


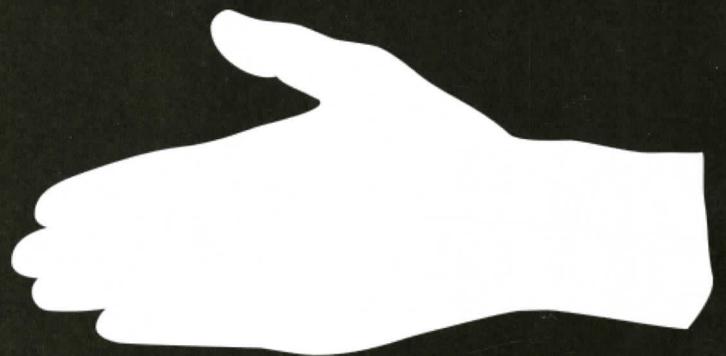
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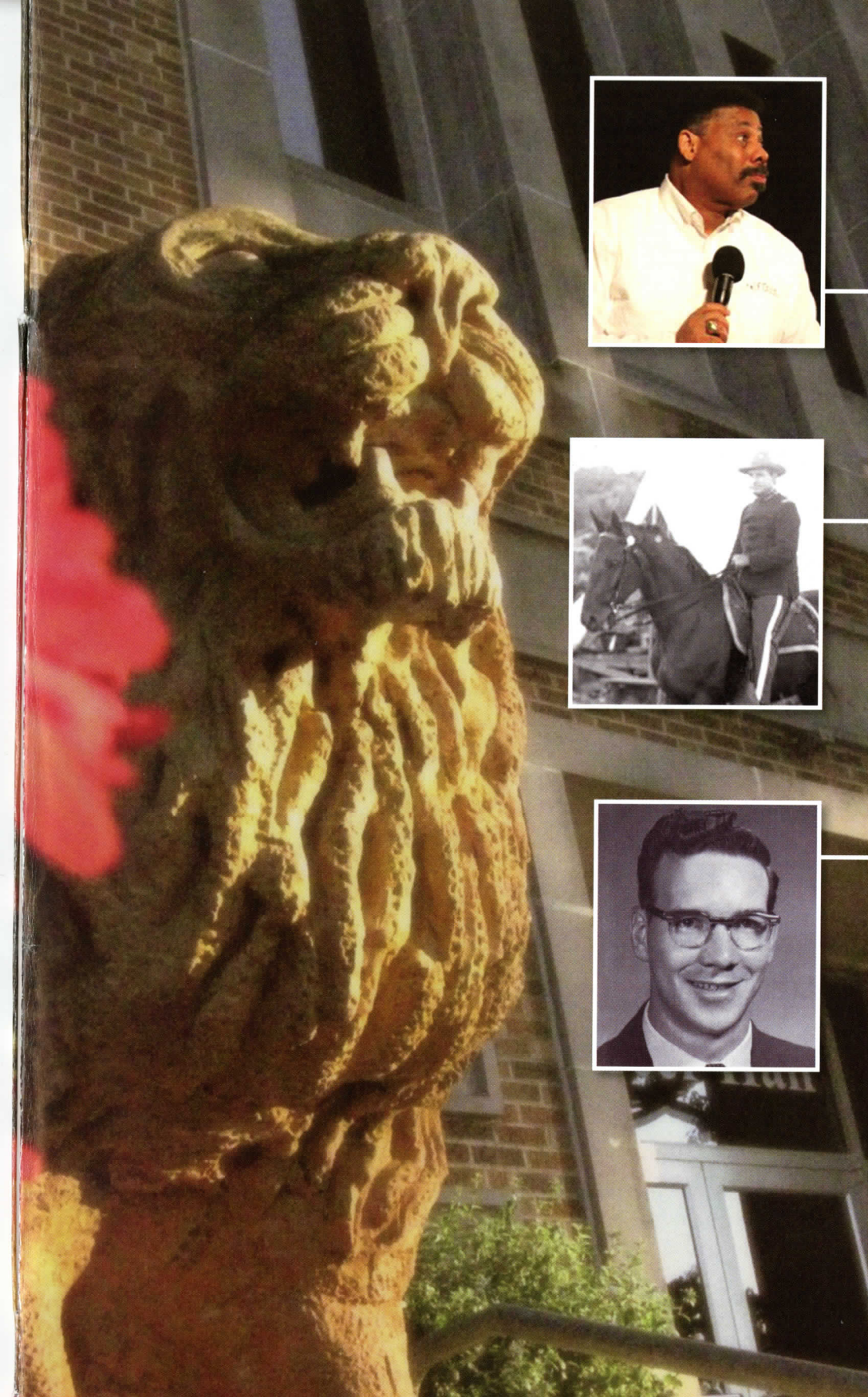
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**EDUCATING STUDENTS TO BECOME SERVANTS OF CHRIST  
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN TODAY'S WORLD**



# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



You are worthy to take the scroll  
and break its seals and open it.  
For you were slaughtered,  
and *your blood has ransomed*  
*people for God from every tribe and language*  
*and people and nation.*

(Rev. 5:9 NLT)

**D**r. Tony Evans spoke to the Bryan community during a recent chapel series on ethnic diversity and the Kingdom of God. He used the Apostle John's Revelation 5:9 vision of heaven to explain that John was able to recognize this great diversity among God's "ransomed people" because in heaven we will be surrounded by a beautiful array of humanity from around the globe. Dr. Evans also challenged us both in chapel and at a luncheon attended by 50 area pastors to get involved with our neighbors to make a difference in the schools and families in our community.

He explained that God has given the church the legal authority to speak truth within our communities and enable those who are in need. While today's election season conversations focus on politicians and political parties' "answers" for all that ails our nation, we know that God has already given us the formula for how He blesses (meets the needs of) a nation and all its people.

God's formula or plan is for His people to meet the needs of the least of His children—the sick, the imprisoned, the orphans, and the poor. He desires for us to deliver those who are caught in the web of human trafficking and to seek justice for all who are oppressed. And He desires for us to experience transformed hearts and minds, to be holy even as He is holy, to have clean hands and a pure heart. As we seek the welfare of His children, He has promised to meet our every need and allow nations not just to survive but to thrive and be a blessing throughout the world.

Such is the message of the Gospel, of God's redemptive salvation and His loving care for those who will walk in His way. Our answer to today's woes is not another economic formula or another trade policy—as important as these tools can be. Our hope and future for all of life is bound up in our relationship to our matchless Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer God.

Every program, every person, and every facility at Bryan is dedicated to educating students to live out the Gospel in its fullest definition. As you read these pages, I know you will rejoice with me as I see the Bryan community living out our mission, making a difference in today's world and desiring to see a taste of heaven in this life. Much as we long for the reality of the beautiful vision that John saw, even so we today can enjoy and pursue His kingdom until He returns.

Stephen D. Livesay



# Ethnic Diversity and the Kingdom of God

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** "The Church of Jesus Christ has culturally shamed the Gospel, racially shamed the Gospel, making 11 o'clock on Sunday morning the most segregated hour in America," according to Dr. Tony Evans.

Dr. Evans, pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship and a national radio speaker, wrapped up a January chapel series on "Ethnic Diversity and the Kingdom of God" by challenging students to be part of a generation that changes this situation.

The following articles explore some of the efforts Bryan College is making to introduce students to the diverse world in which we live and some of the ways God is working in that area.

**T**he America most of us grew up in is changing.

"The United States of 2050 will look different from that of today: whites will no longer be in the majority. The U.S. minority population, currently 30 percent, is expected to exceed 50 percent before 2050. No other advanced, populous country will see such diversity" (*Smithsonian Magazine*, August, 2010).

Apparently Bryan students sense this, as they have asked for information or conversations on

ethnic diversity, according to Ben Norquist, director of faith and mission. "We had a Commoner Forum (on the topic) last year, and the chapel series this January," he said. "There are ongoing conversations about racial diversity in chapel, and Danielle (Rebman, assistant director of faith and mission) and Bruce (Morgan, dean of students) are teaching a Christian Life Formation class on Ethnic Diversity and the Cross."

Ms. Rebman explained that the class really is an introduction

to the subject and is designed to give students a first-hand look at differences by requiring them to attend a church where they are an ethnic minority and to volunteer in an agency serving ethnic minorities.

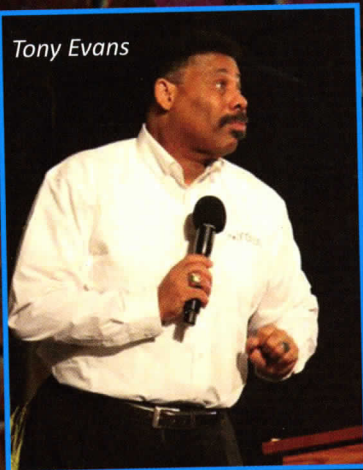
Undergirding efforts such as this is the belief that harmony between individuals and groups of diverse backgrounds is not only socially desirable, it is something God expects.

"I believe a culturally diverse campus would be reflective of the



kingdom of God," Mr. Morgan said. "Throughout the Bible you see God dealing with diverse cultures; at Pentecost, Moses' marriage, the prophet Zephaniah, God sending Peter to break down cultural barriers."

Tony Evans



In his chapel message Jan. 20, Dr. Tony Evans put it this way: "John said, 'I looked up in heaven and I saw people from every nation, every tribe, every kindred, every tongue.' There were visual differences because God always intended there to be differences. That's how God planned it. But He planned it to model the unity of those differences in His one body."

Rose Prince, a junior psychology major from Huntsville, Ala., said her experience working with a Break for Change team ministering to refugees from Myanmar has helped her understand the value of embracing diversity. "The Karin people (from Myanmar) are largely Christian; that's one of the

Rose Prince



reasons they are being persecuted in their country. It's cool to see them so happy to be here where they are safe. In America, people are so stressed about things. To see them (the Karins) happy is the most touching thing for me. It reminds me of what is really important.

"I have friends on campus from different cultures. They appreciate it when people take the effort to get to know them. One of our chapel speakers asked, 'Do you want chapel to look like this in 10 years?' Some of my minority friends said, 'I'm glad somebody is speaking to this.'"

Student body President Vincent Smith, a senior politics and government/English double



Vincent Smith

major, agreed. "Diversity is not just skin color but a cultural/background perspective. You can look the same as someone but still be different. You can have a diverse mindset. This came up with the chapel series. We have to be open to embrace other people. We don't have to discard our beliefs, but recognize differences and not look down on other cultures."

Mr. Morgan added that a truly diverse campus would not simply involve having more persons of color. "Even if we had a lot of people of color on campus and were still doing things the same way as we are now, we could not have diversity. For example,

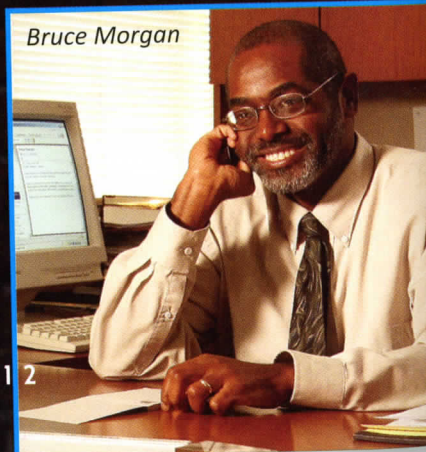
music in chapel is the same broadly speaking; it comes from a white American/European expression."

Bryan President Dr. Stephen Livesay said discussing matters such as diversity is important for believers because "our goal is to have the mind of Christ for every aspect of our lives. With our history about (race), we need to see what God has to say.

"Diversity is a healthy thing. It's a stepping-stone to unity and helps us appreciate our Creator God and helps us understand Him more. As individuals and as a college community, we need a greater understanding of what Christ desires of us, not just across racial lines but within racial or ethnic groups. Living in a loving way with my brother in Christ is the key. Do I have the same love for each person and do I live in such a way that my attitudes and actions are Christ-like? That has to be the standard.

"Scripture tells us in Psalm 19 that all of us harbor hidden or secret sins. We should pray that God will reveal to us the secrets sins we are not aware of so we can deal with them. We need to realize that we are a work in progress and need to ask God to reveal what is not pleasing to Him so we can transform our hearts and actions to what He desires."

Bruce Morgan





# “Umuzungu”



Emmanuel Gatera, Founder of YEGO, & Ben Andrews

**F**or Ben Andrews, “diversity” means being known as “Umuzungu,” or “white person,” but it also means learning to bridge cultural gaps to build relationships with individuals in Rwanda, where he is serving an Acts Project internship.

Ben, a 2011 graduate with a degree in biblical studies, works with the Yego-Rwanda Foundation in Kigali, Rwanda, an organization serving orphans and youth. “Some of the orphans are survivors of the genocide and others have lost their parents due to HIV/AIDS,” he said. “Our organization provides psychosocial support, educational support, and often helps feed children or cover rent for families that cannot afford food or a place to stay.”

He enrolled in the Acts Project to gain experience in missional cross-cultural counseling, but also is learning lessons about differences and similarities.

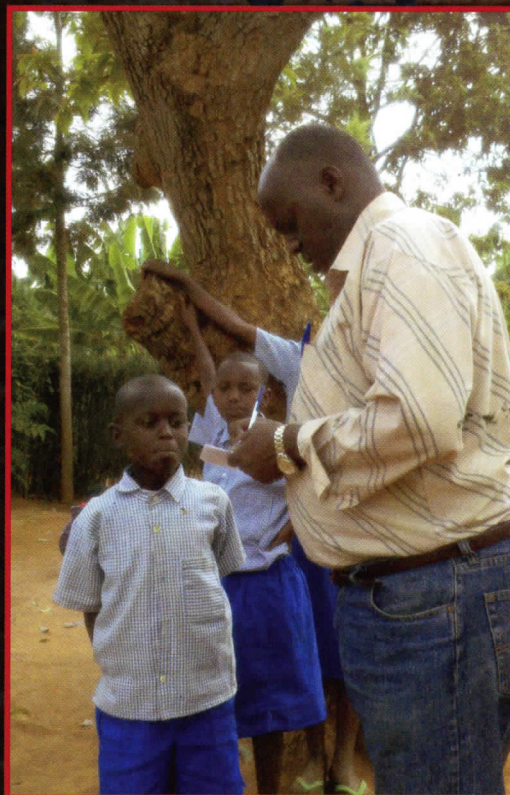
“I am dealing with a number of differences – racial, cultural, linguistic, and sometimes religious, although this is far and away the smallest issue,” he said. “I am usually the only non-Rwandan on staff, although they do have some Canadian partners who visit occasionally. I also live with a Rwandan family, so I have little contact with westerners; in the first six weeks here I had one 20-minute conversation with another white person – that was all. Most people refer to me as ‘Umuzungu,’ which means ‘white person. While they don’t use the term in a pejorative way, it is a constant reminder that we are different.”

He has noticed that because he is white he is “lumped in with a tremendous number of other cultures, and am defined in terms of the Rwandan’s stereotypes. And when they learn I am American they immediately imagine who I am based solely on their exposure to American music videos, movies, and celebrities. Yet as an introverted social critic and moral conservative, I feel the frustration of being expected to be something I am not.”

Ben has experienced two kinds of discrimination, he said: the negative, where merchants take advantage of him because of his unfamiliarity with money and business; and positive, where he is treated better than Rwandans because he is presumed to be rich and important.

“Overcoming these challenges is difficult,” he said. “It requires a tremendous openness to learn and accept differences. There is much I don’t know, so I have to be a child again. The biggest and sometimes hardest steps involve being honest, being willing to change, and looking to see not just how we are different but also what we have in common.

“I’ve had to learn a completely new value structure and live in a world that embodies a very non-Western worldview. Africans place a very high value on relationship and community, while our egocentric lifestyles lead ultimately to the devaluing of all other individuals. When I return, I imagine I will have a much higher value on people and place less importance on task-oriented schedules, personal ownership, and shielding myself from inconvenience.”





# Recognizing Our Differences



Aaron Shears

**C**hristians, even on a Christian college campus, can overlook the fact that "diversity" deals with more than our perception of race or culture, an oversight that can make life unnecessarily difficult for minorities.

Aaron Shears, a senior biology

major, and Taylor Hutcherson, a sophomore Christian ministry major, agreed that the term "diversity" encompasses the idea that "people are from all different backgrounds, colors, beliefs, and we recognize our differences," in Taylor's words.

But, as Aaron said, the underlying issue is unity. "Ultimately, in talking about diversity we're talking about unity in the Body of Christ," he said. "In Christ, we are united as one. How we work that out becomes a beautiful picture. We are all pieces of a puzzle, shaped differently. How it all fits together is our responsibility to figure out."

Living as minorities in a culture creates issues of being able to flourish, not just survive. In matters as basic as music selection in chapel, a cultural preference can have an impact. "The music is designed to suit the majority, and that's understandable, but it doesn't reach everyone," Aaron said.

Taylor added, "If we change the chapel music, some people will feel uncomfortable, but some will be touched." Even in a context outside of chapel, music can be a point of contention. Taylor said she was disappointed with the response of her Break for Change team members who ridiculed music that was different from what they normally hear, "even though it reached the kids. They didn't realize they

were the minority right then."

While there may be cultural or social differences on issues such as music, Aaron said he believes the biggest problem in the majority is ignorance or a lack of understanding of minority cultures. Chapel series such as this semester's "Ethnic and Cultural Diversity and the Kingdom of God" give opportunities for addressing such issues.

"That's what we're in college for," he said. "We're here to think about things. Is what (the speakers) brought up relevant? How can they make us more active in imaging who God is?"

Helping students see and appreciate different cultures is a strength Bryan has, Aaron said. "One thing Bryan does well is exposing students to other cultures through the Acts Project, Break for Change, and some of the PCI ministries. People go out and experience India, the Middle East, parts of Africa, and come back with a bigger understanding of the world, and see that their ideas aren't necessarily the best. It's a matter of expanding your world. I'm here in this context, but there is so much more out there.

"It helps you appreciate diversity. It helps to have been a minority and to realize we need to make a way to make marginalized individuals more comfortable."

And Taylor added, "Different is not bad. If we can get to the point of understanding that we can appreciate each other for our differences."



Taylor Hutcherson



# Take a Different Look

“Different” can have a variety of expressions, and Break for Change is designed to expose students to a number of those as they do ministry for a week in March.

“Break for Change and the Acts Project always have been designed to conform students into what God is doing around the world,” said Danielle

Rebman, assistant director of faith and mission who coordinates both programs. “It is not an accident that they put students in places to interact with people from different background.”

While communicating the love of Christ is central to the program, Break for Change students get a taste of being a minority, if they don’t already have that experience.

Heather McIntyre, a junior politics and government and Christian ministry double major, said sensitivity like that is critical to understanding how to love one’s neighbor. “I don’t want to just donate a couple of dollars once

or twice a year and salve my conscience, but to find out how I can benefit my neighbors who live 20 miles, or 3,000 miles away.

“I was drawn to Break for Change last year because I wanted to see some of the world and bring a little realism into my American idealism. I also wanted to get to know brothers and

sisters in Christ in a cross-cultural context and to get a picture of what Christianity looks like in other places.”

That interest took her on a trip to Turkey and

Greece over Christmas break. In Greece, the group—led by Dr. David Morgan—stayed with a pastor who had been arrested for preaching the gospel. “One of our first chapels when we got back was a corporate worship chapel,” she said. Contrasted with the pastor’s experience, “Our ability to worship freely was such a blessing.”

Susan Wright said her Break for Change trip gave her the experiential understanding of living as a minority. “I experienced a lot of hesitation in trying to decide can I do this? Can I say that? How will they react? There was a lot of questioning of everything from dress to language to posture.”

At the same time, that experience strengthened what she has always wondered, “why doesn’t the majority accept the minority, and how can we work together to do better. I think the majority has a responsibility to take that on. It’s their job to make themselves less intimidating,” the senior environmental science major said.

However, senior Krissy Proctor, a communication-journalism major, said she is looking forward to sharing something of a minority experience on her Break for Change trip to minister in a Muslim community. “I’m a Messianic Jew, so I feel like I get one side of the story (of Jewish and Muslim interactions), but I feel like the eastern perspective is so similar for Jewish and Muslim women. The culture I grew up in is so similar,” she said.

“We and the Muslim women have something in common. I think the trip will give me new insights into who my Savior is. I hope I can bring some light to them. That’s the best part of it.”



Danielle Rebman



Susan Wright



Heather McIntyre



Krissy Proctor



## Evans Speaks on Diversity



America does not need hundreds of years to fix the racial and cultural division that exist, Dr. Tony Evans said in January, it only needs a few minutes—maybe a few hours.

"We need a generation of young men and women who are dedicated to letting God do what He wants. God is calling us to be kingdom people," he said.

Dr. Evans, senior pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, Texas, and president of The Urban Alternative, wrapped up a January chapel emphasis on Ethnic Diversity and the Kingdom of God with a lesson from John 4, focusing on Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman.

Despite the animosity between Jews and Samaritans, Jesus had to travel through Samaria. "The reason Jesus went to Samaria was there was a spiritual need to be met," Dr. Evans said. "Jesus wasn't going to let his cultural

background stop Him from meeting that need. Jesus met this woman on common ground. Jews didn't like Samaritans and Samaritans didn't like Jews, but they both liked Jacob.

"You start to achieve unity when you start on common ground. When you meet at the cross of Jesus, there is a lot of common ground. For us, spiritual need should always trump physical differences. It doesn't cancel them, but it should always trump them."

He argued that "because the Church of Jesus Christ did not deal with the race question biblically from the inception of this nation, we are having repercussions today. What we did was elevate our culture above the cross. The Gospel is not only that Jesus died on the cross, but that He brings people together from different backgrounds. When that body breaks up, it shames the Gospel. In his vision of heaven, John saw differences, people from every tribe, nation, kindred, and tongue. God always intended them to be different, but he planned it to model unity in His body."

He said the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman "ends in an unusual way. The Samaritan men invite Jesus to spend the weekend with them. It doesn't take 200 or 300 years to fix this (cultural divide), it takes two or three minutes, or hours."

Following the chapel message, Dr. Evans spoke to some 50 area pastors, sharing his passion for strengthening the local church as a testimony to the unity God wants for His people.

## December Sees 126 Graduates

Bryan College honored members of the Class of 2011 on Dec. 16, awarding degrees to students who had completed their programs in August or December.

Seven graduates, the first group to complete the Master of Arts degree in Biblical Studies, were recognized together with 24 candidates for the Master of Business Administration degree, and 95 for Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degrees.

Bryan President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay commended them for their achievement and told them that, as Isaiah 33:6 says, "Wisdom and Knowledge will be stability of your times."

Commencement speaker Pastor Joe Novenson of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church challenged the graduates to remember the advice of Proverbs 11:30, "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise."

"Every one of you brings to this world what was in Downtown Eden (the tree of life)," he said. "Could it be that the Bible would teach that when people get near you the curse is blunted?"

The righteous—those whose faith is in Christ—have the opportunity to contend "for what is inside every person, for their souls," he said. As soldiers in battle, "you will run right into fire no matter if everyone else turns



around. You can say, 'Because of Jesus, this is what I do.'"

During the service, Darian Tittsworth, of Ooltewah, Tenn., received the Degree Completion Research Award for having the best research paper among those submitted by students in the Degree Completion Program. Lauren Smith, of Stuarts Draft, Va., received the award for having the highest scholastic record during her time at Bryan.

## MLK Day More Personal



"Service" took the place of "study" on Jan. 16 as Bryan observed its eighth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Day.

More than 700 students, faculty, and staff spread across Rhea County, mainly cleaning houses or churches, painting, raking yards, and even cleaning up after tornadoes that struck the county in April 2011.

Danielle Rebman, assistant director of faith and

mission who coordinates MLK Day activities, said as a result of student comments, "we were concentrating more on more personal projects this year. We've had so many students come back and say having personal interaction with families or church members really brought home why we do this."

Ms. Rebman said Rev. Leroy Barber, who opened Bryan's chapel series on ethnic diversity this semester, told her that the college's MLK outreach reflects Dr. King's statement in his "Drum Major" speech: "Everyone can be great because everyone can serve."

"He pointed out as well that this type of service has a connection with Jesus' washing His disciples' feet. We can all love and serve our neighbors," she said.

## Scholarship Events Offer Even More!

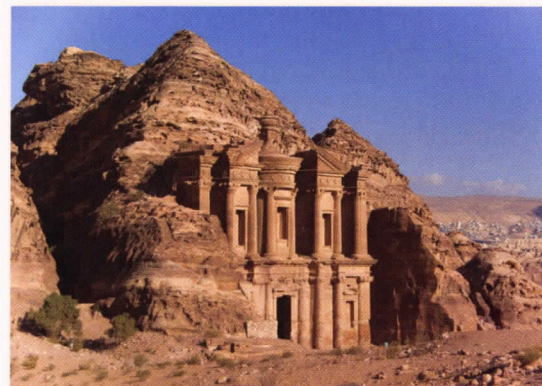
Bryan's academic scholarship competition took on a new look this semester, as prospective students found out their grant amounts based on qualifications, then went through an essay and interview process to increase their award.

Director of Admissions Aaron Porter said this year's competitions in February and March allowed students to seek a \$1,000 interdisciplinary scholarship in addition to the Presidential or Dean's Scholarship for which they are eligible.

"Students with an ACT score of 24, or an SAT score of 1100, and a 3.0 grade point average

or higher were invited to attend one of the scholarship weekends to experience our most exciting visit event of the year," Mr. Porter said. "They had the exclusive opportunity to register for their first semester of classes, and had the chance to interact with professors from their area of study." The weekends also included a banquet honoring the scholars and a variety of sessions that highlighted Bryan's financial aid, worldview, academic, and Honors programs."

## Plan to Visit Israel



Bryan alumni and friends have the opportunity to join students for a two-week tour of Jordan and Israel at the turn of 2013, a trip designed to hit many points of interest from Old and New Testament history.

Dr. David Morgan, assistant professor of Biblical Studies who is planning the trip, said, "The itinerary is filled with visits to some of the most significant places in biblical history and packed with opportunities to experience the culture of the area. I can't think of anything that should be on a first visit to the Holy Land that we are





not scheduled to see."

The group will fly from Atlanta, Ga., on Dec. 30, 2012, to Amman, Jordan, and spend three days, visiting sites such as Mount Nebo, where Moses viewed the Promised Land before he died, and Petra, where Christians fled from Roman and Jewish persecution.

After entering Israel, the group will travel to a Bedouin village and spend the night in tents. They will also visit an Israeli kibbutz before moving on to the Dead Sea area, Jerusalem, Tiberias, and Tel Aviv before returning home Jan. 13, 2012.

Sites in Israel on the tour include the Dead Sea; Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered; many locations in Jerusalem and surrounding areas; the Sea of Galilee; Mount Carmel, where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal; and Nazareth, where Jesus grew up.

"I think our students will develop an appreciation for the

geography, climate, and culture of this volatile area," Dr. Morgan said. "They will come away from this experience with a renewed and informed way in which they will read and engage the Scriptures.

"Also, since I prepare an academic and missional character to these trips, I want students to understand that there really are Palestinian Christians, brothers and sisters in Christ, who often get lumped into groups like Hezbollah or Hamas or other such organizations. These Palestinian believers feel like they live between two worlds. We will have visits to Bethlehem Bible College and Jerusalem University College and see some of these Christian relationships first hand among evangelical Israelis, Arabs, and Gentiles. I hope the students consider what it means to be a Christian Palestinian or Christian Israeli. This trip will be unique because we will receive a Christian perspective, a Jewish perspective,

and a Palestinian perspective."

Cost for the trip will be about \$3,000 per person, with 20 in the party. With a greater number the cost could drop, he said.

A deposit of \$250 is needed in April to reserve space on the tour, and the first payment of \$1,200 is due June 15. For information, visit the website at [www.bryan.edu/ji](http://www.bryan.edu/ji) or email Dr. Morgan at [d.morgan@bryan.edu](mailto:d.morgan@bryan.edu). If you would like to help a student participate in the trip email [Paulakay Ricketts](mailto:Paulakay.Ricketts@alumni@bryan.edu) at [alumni@bryan.edu](mailto:alumni@bryan.edu).



## SEEN ON CAMPUS



*Rev. Barber*



*Dr. Myers*



*Stout & Randolph*



*Dr. Bailey*


**Rev. Leroy Barber**, director of the Mission Year, Atlanta, Ga., spoke in chapel in January.

**Dr. Jeff Myers**, president of Summit Ministries and Bryan College Distinguished Service Professor and Senior Fellow for Leadership Studies, spoke in chapel and at a leadership forum in February.

**Helen Louise Stout**, left, and **Margaret Ann Randolph** presented a duo piano concert as part of the music repertoire series in January.

**Dr. Mark Bailey**, president of Dallas Theological Seminary, spoke in chapel and at a Leadership Forum luncheon in February.





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# W. J. BRYAN: SOLDIER AND EDITOR

by Dr. Ron Petitte  
Professor of Politics & Government  
Director, Center for International Initiatives



When Tom Davis first approached me to research and write this article for *Bryan Life* and the Bryan Community at large, the title "Pacifist Warrior" was presented to me. At first blush, I thought this not only a challenging title but a uniquely appropriate one as well; and I was wrong. The consensus is that William Jennings Bryan was a pacifist and, consequently, anti-military. Neither assumption is correct.

The title of this short piece is taken from *The Memoirs of William Jennings Bryan*, "by himself and his wife Mary Baird Bryan" (cover). Specifically, the reference is to the title Mr. Bryan chose for Chapter VI of Part Two of his memoirs, "Soldier and Editor," in which the first 12 pages are devoted to his military service; one page to his connection to Japan; and one page to *The Commoner*, which he edited. Proportionally, Mr. Bryan chose to highlight his military service 12 to 1 in terms of pages he wrote devoted to these three important areas of his

life; and the reader should take note accordingly.

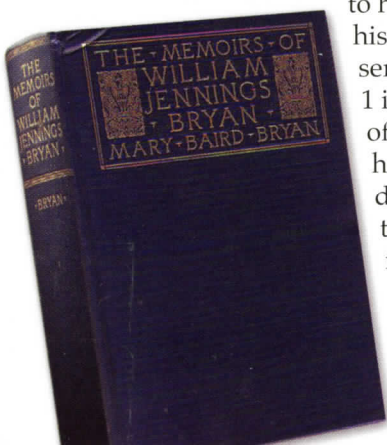
The research I recently concluded effectively counters the myth of Mr. Bryan's pacifism. To begin, William Jennings Bryan chose to become a soldier; he appreciated the opportunity to serve in uniform, and he made an important contribution to state militia service as well as to the overall national military initiative that enabled the United States to achieve victory in the Spanish American War. How times have changed.

Bryan purposed to serve his country by offering his services as an enlisted soldier in the war effort. Biographer Robert Cherny points out that Bryan "enlisted as a volunteer" (76). Such a humble and modest offering on Bryan's behalf was simply not to be: William Jennings Bryan wound up serving as a full colonel, in command of a 2,000-man unit, The Third Nebraska Volunteer Regiment.

I made reference above to state militia: In the spring of 1898 the National Guard as we know it today, did not exist. Michael Kazin, in his splendid biography, *A Godly Hero: The Life of William Jennings Bryan*, refers only to the National Guard in referencing Bryan's Nebraska service (88);

so, too, does Paolo E. Coletta in his three-volume study *William Jennings Bryan* (Vol. I., 223). Charles Morrow Wilson comes closest in *The Commoner: William Jennings Bryan*, when he speaks of "Militia or National Guard." The reference is to "Governor Lon V. Stephens of Missouri [who] offered Bryan the field-grade commission [of colonel] in and on behalf of the Missouri Militia or National Guard" (238). Bryan turned down Governor Stephens and the State of Missouri, explaining "that he had no military experience and was not qualified to command a regiment or any other body of troops" (239). Bryan was being modest, to say the least; and events, and his role in them, proved him to be that much more a man and a leader of men than he was willing to give himself credit for.

According to Bryan in his *Memoirs*, he volunteered to serve in the war against Spain "in any







capacity" (272). The governor of Nebraska, Silas Holcomb, whom Bryan had helped win the governorship, authorized Bryan to form a regiment of soldiers, to which there was a very strong response from men from the Cornhusker State (272).

Bryan, who never had served in the military, entered service and quickly rose to command a regiment, at the rank of colonel, the appropriate senior field grade rank for such a command. Bryan wisely chose to select men from across the state, "recognizing each of the six congressional districts of his state" (272). One may say that such a move was politically expedient, but it also was a magnanimous gesture to extend the honor and privilege of military service to all men across the state. This is an example of politics at its best: Thoughtful, inclusive, and servant oriented. Bryan was honored to have been offered the same commission by the Governor of Missouri, but in his declination telegram he said, "I feel that my first duty is to the Nebraska boys" (273).

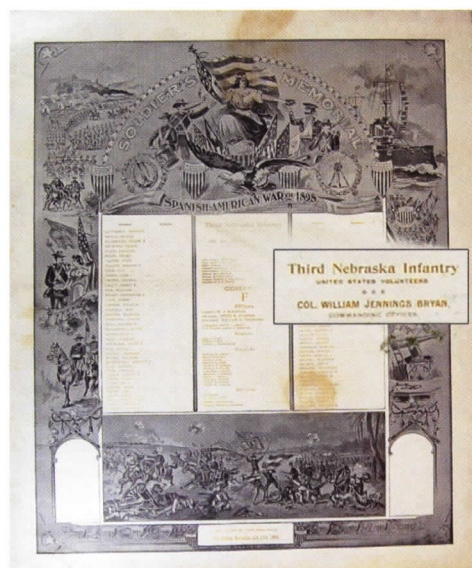
On 19 May 1898, "the first volunteer in the waiting line was William Jennings Bryan" (Wilson, 239). Within a few days, volunteers elected Bryan to be their captain, the company commander, as Nebraska had

recruited just over 150 men at that point in time. The command and rank were appropriate to the number of volunteers who had enlisted. Please note that the men *elected*

Bryan. This is one of the, if not the, quintessential differences between today's National Guard units and those of our earlier history, and it is why I submit that The Nebraska Volunteers were a militia rather than a guard unit. Consider if you will The Virginia Military Institute where faculty, staff, and administrators are given rank within the Virginia Militia as opposed to the Virginia National Guard. The militia, in this sense, is an honorary rank or title but one which serves a useful purpose. So, in essence, the organization that existed in Nebraska and Missouri was, in many respects, a state national guard called to national service, as many guard units recently have been, serving with honor and distinction in Iraq and Afghanistan. The honorary position and rank bestowed on Bryan, regimental commander with the rank of colonel, followed Bryan's humble declination of the Missouri governor's offer and "the Nebraska boys" electing him captain and company commander" (239). The Nebraska governor and his military aide, Victor Vifquain, a recipient of the Medal of Honor and Nebraska's most decorated and honored soldier, convinced Bryan, that (in Vifquain's words), "a man in his position could not very well all afford to become a private" (239). And so Bryan was commissioned to lead "the Silver Regiment" (240), which "was mustered into the service at Fort Omaha, Nebraska," July 13, 1898 (Bryan, 273).

Bryan served only five months in uniform, but he was exceedingly proud of his service. He chose to call himself a soldier, which not only is appropriate, it is modest and honest as well. I take nothing away from William Jennings Bryan or his honorable service when I say that he was not a warrior; for that matter, neither am I, although I retired with twenty-six years of service, after four years of officer training and education at America's smallest yet toughest military college, VMI. Credit General of the Army Omar Bradley with his biographical decision to simply call his life *A Soldier's Story*. Bryan is in noble company when he refers to himself, as "Soldier and Editor." A soldier need not be a warrior to display nobility of spirit. One final epitaph on Bryan's military service: He asked to be, and was, buried in Arlington National Cemetery, home to so many of America's greatest war heroes, warriors, and noble soldiers.

Rest in peace, noble, faithful soldier and editor, Colonel William Jennings Bryan.



(HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE: "Before 1900, Nebraska football teams were known by such names as the Old Gold Knights, Antelopes, Rattlesnake





*Boys, and the Bugeaters. In its first two seasons (1890-91), Nebraska competed as the Old Gold Knights, but beginning in 1892, Nebraska adopted Scarlet and Cream as its colors and accepted the Bugeaters as its most popular nickname until the turn of the century. Named after the insect-devouring bull bats that hovered over the plains, the Bugeaters also found their prey in the Midwest, enjoying winning campaigns in every year of the 1890s until a disappointing season in 1899.*

*After its first losing season in a decade, it must have seemed only fitting that Nebraska move in a new direction, and Lincoln sportswriter Charles S. (Cy) Sherman, who was to gain national renown as the sports editor of the Lincoln Star and help originate The Associated Press Poll, provided the nickname that has gained fame for a century. Sherman tired of referring to the Nebraska teams with such an unglamorous term as Bugeaters. Iowa had, from time to time, been called the Cornhuskers, and the name appealed to Sherman.*

*Iowa partisans seemed to prefer Hawkeyes, so Sherman started*

*referring to the Nebraska team as Cornhuskers, and the 1900 team was first to bear that label."*

This information courtesy of the Nebraska University website and Dr. Travis Ricketts, professor of history at Bryan College and an ardent Razorback. Although I don't know this for fact, I would postulate that entomologists protested "Bugeaters" as being a politically incorrect symbol; and so the environmentally conscious won the day with the symbolic "Cornhuskers."

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# Class of 1962

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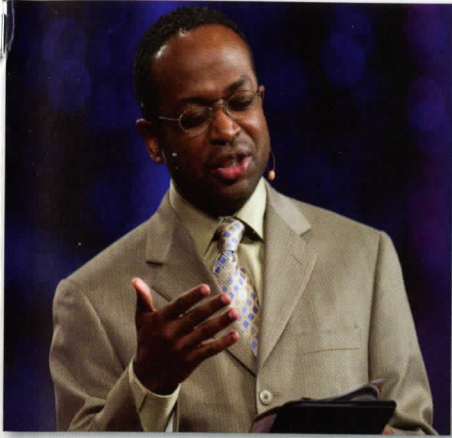
Join us May 4-5, 2012, for your Golden Grad reunion. Catch up with classmates. See what God is doing at Bryan. Be honored at graduation.

Contact Paulakay Ricketts,  
[alumni@bryan.edu](mailto:alumni@bryan.edu) for information





## *Bellamy Remembers the Personal Touch*



**H**e may have gone from a small town to a big city, but Marcus Bellamy has not forgotten the personal touch or what he learned at Bryan College, lessons he is practicing in his ministry today.

Marcus, a 1995 graduate with a degree in Christian education, is lead associate pastor for Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, Texas, the home of Dr. Tony Evans' ministries. In his position, he "works under the direction of the senior pastor to ensure the church's goals and objectives are implemented throughout the entire ministry. This includes the direct oversight of church operations and programs in the senior pastor's absence, and the responsibility for the efficient performance and spiritual impact of the church's ministries," according to the church's website.

Ministry has been his goal, and was the driving force behind his choosing a Christian education major since he enrolled at Bryan. "I wanted to attend Bryan because it was a distinctively Christian school that would educate me with a biblical worldview, and because of its creation emphasis, intimate environment, its music

program, and the testimony of some people from my church who had attended Bryan," he said.

"I chose Christian education as my major because of the leadership and ministry courses offered in the program. My mentors and I agreed that those courses would help prepare me for the ministry calling God had placed on my life."

In addition to classroom studies, personal examples gave him lessons in leadership and ministry that he carries with him to this day.

"I was amazed that the president of Bryan College at that time, Bill Brown, took the time to build a relationship with me and encourage me. He also took the time to know every student's name at Bryan. Brian Richardson, chair of the Christian education department and my advisor, lovingly guided me through my journey at Bryan. He invested a lot of time advising and training me in ministry. This included providing hands-on ministry opportunities by having me come to teach and minister at the church in which he pastored."

Marcus has especially fond memories of Dean of Students Chris Watkins and his wife, Nita, who "treated me like I was part of their family. A highlight of our relationship was definitely the many, many delicious meals we shared together around their dinner table. I learned a lot about leadership and loving people by his example and teaching."

Dean Watkins also served as direction of the group "Vision," which traveled as musical ambassadors for the college. "My favorite memory is singing with Vision, which included singing in churches and schools. The relationships we built as a music group coupled with ministering to others built a lasting memory."

Following graduation, Marcus realized a need for further study, so he enrolled at Dallas Theological Seminary, where he earned a Master of Theology degree in 2002.

In addition to earning a degree, Marcus found a wife in Dallas. He and Patricia now are parents of daughters Faith, 8, and Teela, 4.

While studying at DTS, he joined Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship, and in 1999 was hired as the church's director of human resources. He later was named associate pastor of outreach, then associate pastor of Christian education before recently being named lead associate pastor.

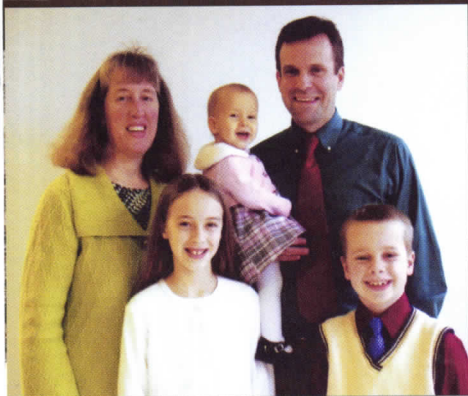
"I am very excited about our ministry and investment into the next generation," Pastor Bellamy said. "We have a ministry where we send mentors into the public schools to have a positive impact on students, faculty and community. We also have a significant ministry through our Christian school where we disciple and train students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

"These ministries are undergirded by Dr. Evans' kingdom agenda vision, which can be defined as 'the visible demonstration of the comprehensive rule of God over every area of life.'"





# LION TRACKS



*The Woychuk Family*

50s

**ROBERT CLOUSE, '54**, continues to serve as a senior research scholar in liberal arts at Indiana State University. His most recent publication is *The Church from Age to Age: A History of Global Christianity from Galilee to Global Christianity*, (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2011).

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**PHIL HOBSON, '63**, recently completed his doctorate in biblical studies from Colorado Theological Seminary. Dr. Hobson and his wife, Mary, live in Traverse City, Mich.

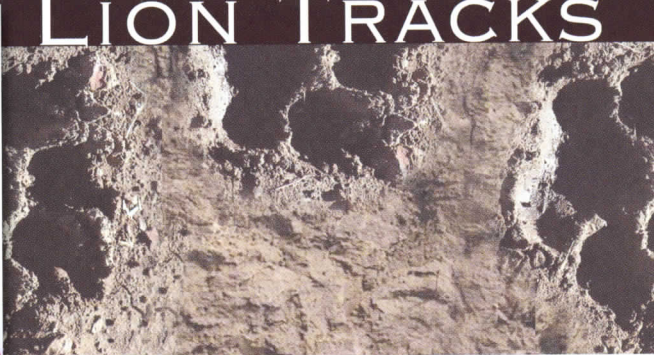
*The Campbell Family*



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*Keith & Jaci Patman*

70s

**KEITH PATMAN, '75**, and Jaci Smith were married July 14, 2011, in Snohomish, Wash. Keith continues to work as a translation consultant with Wycliffe Bible Translators. The Patmans live in Shoreline, Wash.

80s

**JIM, '89**, and **SUSAN (KLAUS), '88, WOYCHUK** announce the birth of their third child, Mary Ruth, on Jan. 19, 2011. Mary joins big siblings Faith, 9, and Jonathan, 8. Jim is pastor of Hannibal Evangelical Free Church and directs Scripture Memory Fellowship. The Woychuk family lives in Hannibal, Mo.

**DANNY CAMPBELL, '89**, completed his Doctor of Ministry degree at Dallas Seminary in January, 2011, and in February he taught the

book of Revelation to 50 pastors in Tanzania. In November he was elected first vice president of the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia, a state association of about 550 churches. Danny has been senior pastor of Wayne Hills Baptist Church in Waynesboro since 2000. He and his wife, **ELIZABETH (BOOKOUT), '90x**, have three children, sons Will, a high school senior, and Paige, a ninth grader; and daughter Hope, a seventh grader.

90s

**KEVIN, '91**, and **KARLA (TRAMMELL), '93, BOOT** announce the adoption of their daughter, Julia Anna, on December 17, 2011, age 2 ½ months. The Boots serve with Crossover Communications in Lima, Peru.

**DENNIS, '94**, and **JULIE (BENGTSON), '93, RUNNER** and family (Rebekah, 14; Katie, 12; Emily,

*Karla & Julia Boot*







*The Runner Family*



*The Brewster Family*

9; and Nathan, 5) have moved to West Lafayette, Ind., to begin their assignment at Purdue University to minister to international students and their families. They have been appointed by the Mission Service Corps of the North American Mission Board. In November 2011, God led a family in Indiana to provide housing for them, and others have provided enough support to begin this ministry. Keep in touch with the Runners at their website, [www.therunnerfamily.weebly.com](http://www.therunnerfamily.weebly.com).

**DEREK, '95**, and Julie **BOLLINGER** announce the adoption of their son, Andrew Zan-Cheng, on Dec. 20, 2011. Andrew is from Louyang, Henan, China, and was born April 26, 2010. He joins big sister, Cherish, who was adopted from Wuhan, Hubei, China, in 2007. The Bollinger family lives in Jacksonville, Fla.

*The Bollinger Family*



00s

**TABITHA MOE, '00**, and Joseph Brewster were married June 7, 2010, in Captiva Island, Fla. Their son, Karl Martin, was born Nov. 19, 2011. Tabitha is completing a cardiology fellowship at Banner – Good Samaritan Medical Center in Phoenix, Ariz., and Joseph is a family practice physician in private practice in Scottsdale, Ariz.

**WENDI (BAUMAN), '00**, and Gordon **JOHNSON** announce the birth of their son, Isaac Philip, on Dec. 10, 2011. Isaac weighed 5 lbs., 11 oz., and surprised his parents by arriving four and a half weeks early. Gordon is the lead staff accountant and financial analyst for Murex, Ltd., in Addison, Texas, and Wendi is a visiting assistant professor at Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas.

**MITCH, '01**, and **JENNY (HUGHES), '03, HOSKINS** announce the birth of their fourth child, Luke

Isaac, on Sept. 22, 2011. Luke arrived in the back of a van while the Hoskinses were en route to a hospital in Cairns, Australia. When it became obvious that Luke would be born, the friend driving them pulled over and called for assistance. About 90 seconds after paramedics arrived, Luke was born. He joins big brothers Micah, 7; Simon, 5; and Ezekiel "Zeke," 2. The Hoskins family lives in Papua New Guinea, where Mitch and Jenny are teachers.

**MICHELLE EDWARDS, '01**, and Ethan Allen were married Nov. 26, 2011, in Statesville, N.C. Alumni in the wedding party included **MICHELLE (PHANEUF) KROGEL, '01**; **JUNE (LAYMON) AKERS, '01**; and **RACHELLE (ELLIOTT) TRAVIS, '01**. Michelle is on staff with Campus Crusade for Christ working with sorority girls and leaders at North Carolina State University, and Ethan is a soccer coach at Liberty University.

**MATT, '01**, and Michelle **SNEAD** live in Xiamen, China, with their four children, Vera, 6; Eden, 5; Tobey, 4; and

*Isaac Johnson*



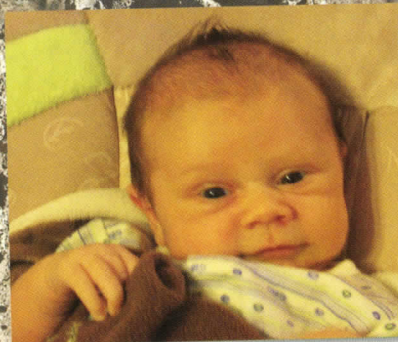
*The Hoskins Family*







*Ethan & Michelle Allen*



*Gerald Gleason*



*Keith & Rachel Jones*

Kai 3. Since 2006 the Sneads have been in Xiamen working with orphans that have special needs.

**CESTE STANLY, '03**, graduated from James Madison University with her M.A. in Music Education-Kodaly in December 2011. She teaches K-12 music and is designing the music curriculum at Harvester Christian Academy in Douglasville, Ga.

**IV, '02**, and **KATIE (BUTTRAM), '03, SMITH** announce the birth of Crockett Samuel on July 29, 2011. Crockett joins big siblings King, 7; Duke, 5; Lottie, 4; and Ace, 2. The Smith family lives in Covington, Ga.

**DANIEL, '05**, and **KATHLEEN (FISCHER), '03, GLEASON** announce the birth of their son, Gerald Daniel, on Dec. 15, 2011. Daniel weighed 8 lbs., 10 oz. and was 21 ½ inches long. Daniel Senior teaches English at Soddy-Daisy High School and coaches boys' soccer. Kathleen is a stay-at-home mom. The Gleason family lives in Chattanooga, Tenn.

**KATIE, '05**, and Nilavanh **SOSAYACHANH** announce the birth of their first child, Saffron Jayde, on March 26, 2011. The Sosayachanh family lives in Twentynine Palms, Calif., where Nil serves as a gunnery sergeant in the Marine Corps.

**RACHEL STUCKEY, '09**, and Keith Jones were married May 21, 2011, in Dayton, Tenn. Alumni in the wedding party included **AMY (SCRIPKA) QUACKENBUSH, '09; MILLIE (JONES) SWEENEY, '10; HAYLEY (GLEASON) ABERNATHY, '09; and ANDREW SWEENEY, '10**. The Joneses live in Dayton.

**MATTHEW SAMSEL, '09**, and **JOY KOAN, '11**, were married Oct 15, 2011, in Dayton, Tenn. Alumni in the wedding party included **JOSEPH DEMME, '09; NATHAN HILL, '09; DAVID THOMAS, '09; LEIGHTON TRENT, '09; CORRINE COOK, '09; LYDIA PUGH, '10; MEGAN SMITH, '11; LAURA PEARCE, '11**, and current student Katelyn Fletcher. **PAUL LASKOWSKE, '08**,

was an usher, and Professor Randy Hollingsworth officiated. Family in attendance included **JIM, '87**, and **CAROL (REESE) KOAN, '87**, parents of the bride; **KIM (KOAN) REIHER, '80x; PAM (KOAN) WILLETTE '81; and RENEE (KOAN) ASHER, '82**. Matthew and Joy live in Dayton.

**JAKE, '09**, and Cheryl **FABRY** announce the birth of their daughter, Elliana Colette, on Jan. 31, 2012. "Elliana" means "God has answered our prayers." Jake is worship leader at their church, and works as a biosurgical specialist with Genzyme. Cheryl will be a stay-at-home mom with Elliana.

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**MANDI DECKER, '11**, works as a marketing specialist at American Bedding Manufacturing, Inc., in Athens, Tenn.

**ASHLEY (SOURS) HOGSETT, '11**, has received a \$2,000 scholarship from

*The Snead Family*



*Crockett Smith and Siblings*



*Saffron Sosayachanh*







*Elliana Fabry*



*Evan & Hannah Johnson*

the American Proficiency Institute, one of five such grants awarded to students across the country pursuing training in medical laboratory science. Ashley is studying at the Augusta Health School of Clinical Laboratory Science in Fishersville, Va.

**ANDREW ZIMMERMAN** and **CHELSEA PARHAM**, both '11, were married Nov. 26, 2011, in Spring City, Tenn. The Zimmermans live in Chattanooga, Tenn.

**EVAN JOHNSON**, '11, and **HANNAH LEE**, '10, were married June 18, 2011, in Dayton, Tenn. Alumni in the wedding party included **OLIVIA POOL**, '10; **SUSANNAH MCILVAINE**, '10; **ALLISON MCLEAN**, '10x; **NATALIE (MCGEHEE) MEZNAR**, '11; **AMELIA POOL**, '11; **BEN JOHNSON**, '09; **PHILIP MEZNAR**, '10; **PAUL SHEARER**, '10; and **SETH DUKES**, '11. Evan and Hannah live in Dayton where Hannah is campus visit coordinator for Bryan's

admissions office, and Evan works in the academic support center.

**XAVIERIAN MCCALL**, '12x, and **JOY HOLBY**, '09, were married July 16, 2011. Alumni in the wedding party included **ELISA CRUZ** (via Skype), '09; **ELIZABETH (COCHRANE) HOLLINGSWORTH**, '09; and **TYRONE SHEPPARD**, '10x. The McCalls live in Atlanta, where Joy teaches high school Spanish and Xavierian cooks at an Italian restaurant and trains high school basketball players.

## *With the Lord*

**FRANK RUSSELL**, '57, of Bemidji, Minn., died Sept. 10, 2011.

**MEL WICK**, '57, of Palmer, Alaska, died Dec. 11, 2011.

**ALLEN KIEFER**, '59x, of Auberry, Calif., died Oct. 26, 2011.

**LINDA ANN PATTERSON**, '80x, of Miami, Fla., died Feb. 16 2007.

**PAULETTE (MILLER) BAILEY**, '81x, of Palm Bay, Fla., died July 30, 2011.

**RACHEL (ROSS) MORGAN**, '85H, of Dayton, Tenn., died Feb. 26, 2012.

*Andrew & Chelsea Zimmerman*



*Xavierian & Joy McCall*





# ALUMNI DIRECTOR



## *Fallin' in Love...Again*

**R**emember the first day you were on campus? Alternating fear and excitement ran through your brain. You tried to figure out who would be part of your circle of friends, and who you thought would be a fine first date.

In the old days, we were anxious about our President's Reception blind date. In some ways, I think that tradition should be resurrected! Well, except for the upper classmen trashing our rooms....

Over the course of time, we found our niche', our circle of friends, our favorite professors, and invested lasting memories for each. Most of us walked the stage and received our degree, only to be overtaken by life. Marriage, children, career, bills, student loans, medical emergencies, all got and kept our attention. Over the years, our love and fondness for Bryan College got moved to the back burner.

Then a crazy thing happened on the way to the office (or church, or school, or your in-laws). A name from your days at Bryan popped into your head, and you wondered what ever happened to them. Then you realized they were probably thinking the same thing about you. A search of Facebook and the Internet, and shazam! You found each other! Plans were made to rendezvous at Homecoming, and the rest is a wonderful compilation of growing stories and memories.

That has happened to me a hundred times over in the past four years. (Told you I had the best job in the world!) Much of it started before I began working here. I was honored to help induct Luke Germann, '78, into the Bryan Hall of Fame for his work on a soccer field. Many of our teammates came back to honor him. Since then, I have been blessed to reconnect with many from that old team. They were gracious to allow a crazy Texan who had never played before to join their ranks, and to this day, still are gracious to the same crazy Texan.

One of those guys had a great idea to completely change the seating for our soccer field, mainly to benefit alums at Homecoming. It gave this crazy Texan a way to help honor his dear friends, and give our fans a way to say "thank you" as well. As you may have seen, we have marvelous plans ready to go for a new soccer stadium, hopefully to be completed by August 1. We have been blessed with more than \$35,000 in gifts, with another \$30,000 needed by June 30 to complete the project. I invite you to the [bryan.edu/soccerstadium](http://bryan.edu/soccerstadium) website to check out the details.

All those years ago, I fell in love with Bryan College through a great group of soccer players and a GREAT group of classmates, the Class of 1980. There was a lot to fall in love with then. There is a lot to love here now. There is music, drama, athletics, professors who love you back, and a deep and abiding sense of belonging to one another through our faith in Jesus Christ. I invite you to visit the website and check out those areas you fell in love with, those parts of the college you feel great attachment to. Ask the Lord how you might benefit current students. Then come back for a visit, walk the campus, and meet some of the young folks that inhabit our old haunts. I have a feelin' you will be fallin' in love all over again.

In His Grace,

David Tromanhauser  
Alumni Director





# REMEMBERING BRYAN

## Bryan's growth and influence — keeping the main thing the main thing.

by Jim Fickley, '61x



Jim Fickley

**F**abulous changes have taken place on Bryan Hill since I arrived as a young veteran with weak high school grades but a strong desire to study the Bible to be able to lead someone to Jesus Christ.

After driving straight through from Pittsburgh, I arrived on campus in the wee hours of the night and slept in my 1949 Studebaker until morning.

The first person I met was Dr. John Bartlett who directed me to a bathroom to clean up and shave. He also directed me to the registrar's office.

Later that morning I met with Mr. Adams in the financial office to face the reality that I had come to Bryan with no visible means of support. Unfortunately I had missed the GI Bill by seven months.

Mr. Adams asked if I knew Proverbs 3: 5 – 6? My answer to him was, "No, sir, I am sorry I don't." He then asked if I had a Bible, to which I was able to answer in the affirmative. He directed me to go away and memorize those verses and return later in the afternoon. I headed into the woods, where I committed Scripture to memory for the first time in my life.

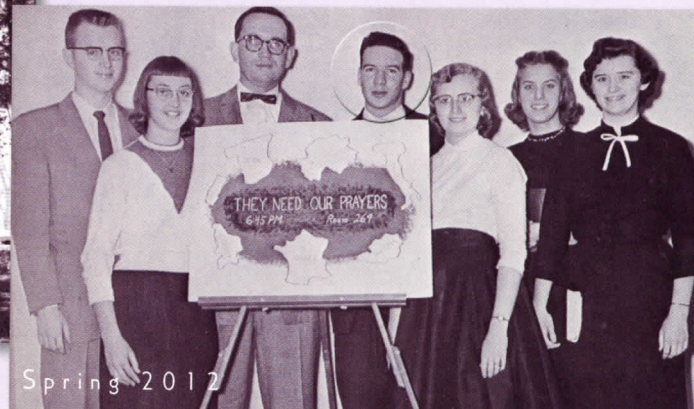
As I reflect upon those verses memorized more than a half century ago I can declare with certainty that our sovereign God does indeed provide for His own in repose to acknowledging Him in committed trust. My journey began when I was awarded a scholarship for the first semester.

When I arrived on campus there were only three major buildings: the unfinished Administration Building (now Mercer Hall), the White Chapel, and the Octagon, each used as dormitories. I have memories of my room in the Octagon when, in the winter, my calendar occasionally stood out from the wall in a chilly breeze. Behind the Administration Building was Trailerville, composed of a host of eight-foot-wide trailers to accommodate married students.

With all the wonderful changes that are visible on Bryan campus, today it is of great consolation to those of us who attended Bryan over the years to see that the motto Christ Above All is maintained in the classroom just as boldly as it is declared at the new entrance.

By the way, I remember that portion of land which is now so inviting to prospective students, was once owned by a farmer whose horse I borrowed to ride around the Triangle during a student body election.

Every one of the 55-plus freshman classes that have attended Bryan College since mine has left with their own cherished memories. Yes, each of those five decades have recorded immeasurable triumphs and successes impacting hundreds of us to follow and serve the Savior. The faculty may change, the campus has certainly changed, but it is comforting to know that amidst the progress and growth of Bryan College the board of trustees has kept **the main thing the main thing.**





## Teaching Around the World

NAME Paul Combs  
 MAJOR Elementary Education  
 CLASS 1977  
 FAVORITE PROFESSOR Dr. Willard Henning

*Editor's Note: Paul Combs, '77, is an elementary school principal in Curitiba, Brazil, after serving for many years in the Middle East, Singapore, and Guatemala. The story below was written by Rachel Jones, '09, then a reporter for the Herald-News of Dayton, Tenn. The story has been edited for length.*



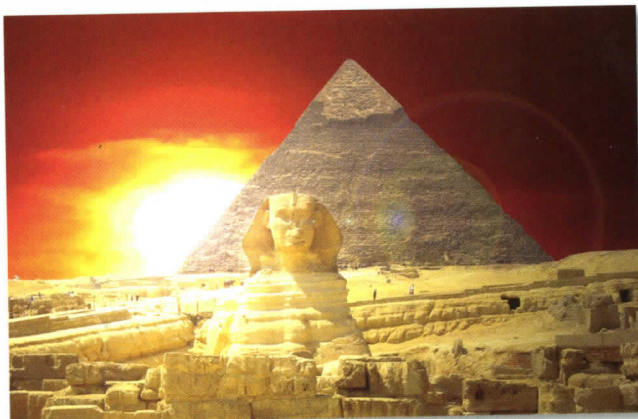
Paul and Angie Combs

Paul Combs may have had small beginnings, but his years as a Rhea County educator prepared him for a career in international education, taking him all over the globe where he's visited 50 countries and logged nearly 1,000,000 flying miles.

Combs first taught at the Grandview School, teaching fourth through sixth-grade, all in one classroom from 1977 to 1980. After Grandview, he taught at Dayton City School until 1989, when he and his wife Angie pursued teaching opportunities outside of the Statés, a move that took them to Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Beirut, Guatemala, and Brazil.

"I did some research and found a school owned by the national carrier of Saudi Arabia — the Saudi Arabian Airline School," said Combs. "I attended a job fair at the University of Iowa where 500 to 1,000 school heads come to hire teachers and administrators for international schools. Saudi Arabia was my top choice, particularly because my family and I could all travel for free."

The Combs family journeyed to the western city of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, where Combs was principal of a secondary (or middle) school. Working for an airline provided travel opportunities most teachers never encounter.



"For the next five years, we'd fly everywhere," said Combs. "We'd fly to London for the weekend, or I'd fly to New York for a U.S. Open game. We flew to Cairo, Egypt, over 20 times because it was only about an hour and a half flight away. We'd stay right by the pyramids."

Combs remembers climbing the oldest of the seven wonders of the ancient world, the Pyramid of Cheops, twice — all 880 feet of it — and riding horses with his family around the pyramids.

But Saudi Arabia has cultural hurdles foreign to Americans. Combs and his family followed cultural laws, including the laws that limited women. Angie Combs could not drive because she is a woman, and Combs was forced to witness a beheading — a common occurrence.

"It was very safe in Jeddah, but that's because if you committed a robbery, your hands were cut off," he said. "On Fridays, public beheadings punished criminals. I remember a Friday when some Saudis forced me to watch the execution of three Pakistanis who were caught smuggling drugs. Although I tried not to watch, they were beheaded by the sword."

Until Aug. 1, 1990, Combs and his family loved Jeddah. But when they touched down in Jeddah that Wednesday, Saddam Hussein was the name on everyone's lips. The Gulf War had begun. Combs said he only knew what was going on by listening to the BBC radio.

"It was the only way to get the news," said Combs. "Our school went from 600 students to about 200 students because we lived in fear of Hussein's scuds (tactical ballistic missiles) hitting Jeddah. I kept the school open until Feb. 23, when U.S. forces crossed into Kuwait to liberate Kuwait City."

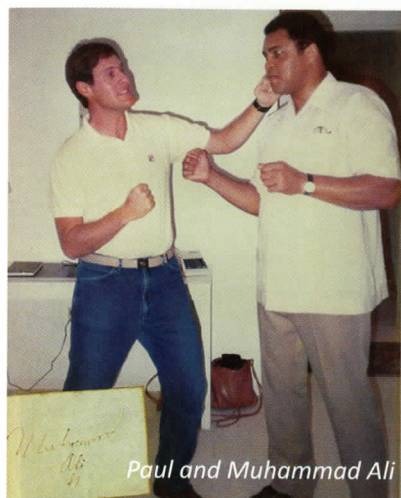
Because of a friendship formed with a U.S. lieutenant during his Rhea County days, Combs was



on the first flight to Kuwait City from Jeddah.

"I'll never forget going through passport control," he said. "Everywhere, the Kuwaities were shouting, 'God bless George Bush. God bless America.'"

While in Jeddah, Combs befriended boxer Muhammad Ali. Ali was revered by the Saudis, and was brought to Saudi Arabia by its king to raise funds for the construction of mosques in the U.S. While on his annual fundraiser tour, Ali's wife, Lonnie, requested a tour of Combs' school.



Paul and Muhammad Ali

"When she heard my name, she asked if I was related to Bert T. Combs, former governor of Kentucky," said Combs. "I said, 'Yes, he's my great uncle.' Lonnie then said that her husband would want to meet me. I asked who her husband was, and when she said 'Muhammad Ali,' I suddenly had plenty of time to show her around the school."

Later that evening, Combs met Muhammad and his wife for dinner where a friendship was born. Combs later learned why Ali loved his great uncle.

"Muhammad told me, 'Combs, I used to be a bad man, and I was in a bar one time, and white people start calling me nigger, and I said I don't want to represent a nation that doesn't appreciate what I've done.'"

And so Muhammad tossed his light-heavyweight champion of the world medal into the Ohio River. Bert T. Combs got wind of Muhammad Ali's sentiments, and acquired a new medal for Ali,

inviting him to the governor's mansion to receive the gift.

Combs remembers Ali telling the story, saying, "Combs, I remember that red velvet box. I opened that red velvet box and there was that gleaming, gold medal. I will never forget your uncle."

After Jeddah, Combs took the position of middle school principal at the Singapore International School, an American school serving 3,000 students and one of the top schools in the world.

After serving in Singapore for eight years, the Combs moved to Beirut until the political scene became tumultuous as Syria began bombing and killing the Lebanese government ministers, including the Prime Minister, Rafik Hariri.

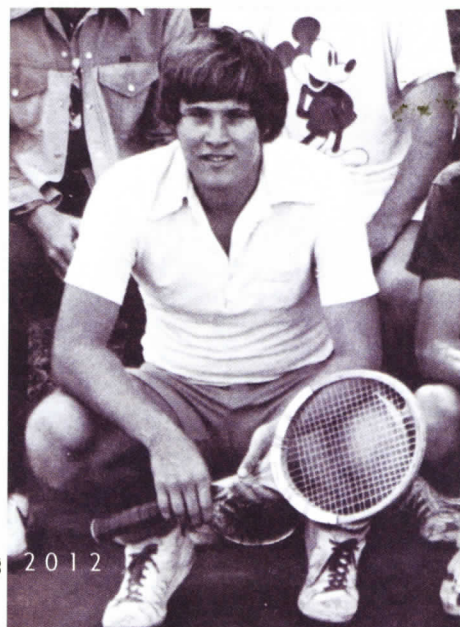
"A minister was blown up in his home across from my school," said Combs. "I felt the blast from my office, and watched the big black cloud rise into the sky 200 or 300 feet away."

From Beirut, Combs and his wife moved to Curitiba, Brazil, where Combs is currently the elementary school principal and his wife teaches sixth grade. Fifty percent of the students are Brazilian, while 50 percent are American or European.

While some might consider the Middle East a tumultuous environment to make a home, Combs said that Guatemala is the most dangerous place he's lived. In the one year he lived in the South American country, Combs said he saw nine dead bodies, and drive-by shootings by drug dealers were commonplace. "My next door neighbor was shot and killed," he said.

The methods of a drug war were brutal, said Combs, and once victims were shot, the heads would be cut off and displayed in a public place. Combs returned to Curitiba after his short stint in Guatemala.

Paul and Angie plan to retire to Sevier County, Tenn., where they have a working Black Angus farm.







# Parable of the Apple Orchard

**I**n the beginning, God created the apple tree. He said to man, "This is my tree. I'm going to teach you to fertilize it. I'll teach you how to prune it. I'll send the sunshine and rain, and together we will grow a beautiful apple tree."

And man did as God had instructed. He pruned, fertilized, and God sent sunshine, rain and His blessing.

*You and I know that as stewardship.*

It wasn't long until they had a country of beautiful apple orchards producing red, shiny delicious apples.

But man began to argue with other men about whose trees would be picked. And other nations became jealous of the way God had blessed their country. And they began to build armies to take over the country.

And God said, "It's not good that man should operate this way." So He sent kings and judges to be in charge.

*We call that government.*

The kings built armies to protect their country.

The judges decided whose trees would be picked by whom.

*And peace returned to their country.*

When peace had returned, the kings and judges came to man and said, "Man, we need some apples to finance our operation."

*We call this income tax.*

Man understood that he could live with any income tax system put in place by government, so long as he had enough apples left over to eat. That didn't mean he would like it, but he could live with it. Man observed that there were surplus apples being produced by his country. But there were other countries that did not have enough apples to eat. So man decided to sell his orchard and build a packing company. He would pack the surplus apples and

ship them to other countries for a profit.

But when man sold his apple orchard, Caesar came in and cut down a fourth of the apple trees.

*We call that a capital gains tax.*

When Caesar took a third of the apples as an income tax, man went back to the apple orchard the next year and picked another hundred bushels of apples. But when Caesar cut down the trees, there were no more apples.

Man then observed that when his neighbor died, Caesar cut down half of his apple trees.

*We call that an estate tax.*

Man said to Caesar, "Caesar, don't you understand? There are only two things you can do with an apple tree. You can grow apples, or you can cut it down and burn it as firewood."

And Caesar still doesn't understand why there are more hungry people on the streets today than there were when he cut down the first apple tree. It's because when you cut down the trees, you don't have any more apples.

So man said to Caesar, "Caesar, those are not your trees, those are God's trees. God has placed me here as a steward, the caretaker and trustee of those trees."

"I'm going to build a fence around God's apple orchards, and I'm not going to give you a key. You can stand at the gate and take some of my apples when I pick them, but you cannot cut down God's trees over which I am a steward."

## CONCLUSION

We would like to help you build fences around the "apple orchard" God has entrusted to you. To assist you, our staff has prepared a special *Guide to Planning Your Estate*. Please write for your free copy today, or call 423.775.7581. You can also reach me at [Steve.Keck@Bryan.edu](mailto:Steve.Keck@Bryan.edu).



# Estate Planning Brings Peace of Mind

**L**ifestyle Giving's assistance in designing an estate plan helped Earl and Carol Marler settle matters in their minds, assistance Mr. Marler believes will become even more valuable in the days to come.

Recently the Marlers faced decisions about how to arrange their estate to benefit their daughters and Bryan College in a way that would be most advantageous for all concerned. For help, they turned to Steve Keck, Bryan's director of gift and estate design. Mr. Keck discussed their goals and secured the necessary information to send to Lifestyle Giving, an organization providing technical and professional assistance for estate design programs.

Mr. Marler said his career in the banking business left him with a comfortable retirement, largely as a result of his contributions to an Individual Retirement Account. Although the IRA distributions are adequate for their needs, that retirement plan can limit estate designs, he said.

"I think more and more people will be in our situation in the future," he said. "They will have to put money aside for retirement rather than counting on a defined pension. What we have done is a process more and more people need to look at."

Two concerns the Marlers had were how to provide for their children and how to support Bryan College.

Their relationship with the college goes back to the days when their daughter was a student. "Ted Mercer (then president) put me on the national advisory board when Meg was still at Bryan. In 1980 when she graduated I came on the board and served about 25 years, until we started spending so much time in Florida." His uncle, Chancellor

Glenn Woodlee, for whom Woodlee-Ewing residence hall is named, also served on the board and was chairman at the time of his death.

"At one time in our will we had a codicil to leave a bequest to Bryan," Mr. Marler said. As their situation changed, they explored options and realized they needed help to make sure they accomplished what they had in mind.

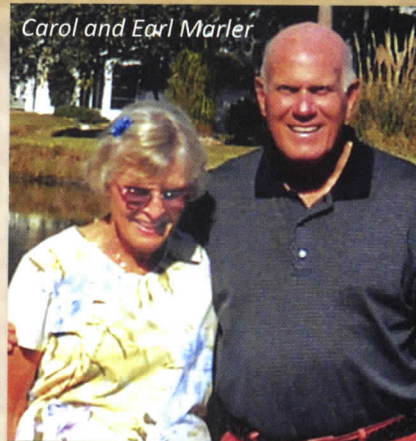
"A few weeks after meeting with Mr. Keck, he and the Lifestyle Giving representative came back with the estate design," Mr. Marler said. "That discussion put the seeds of thought in our mind. I told them they needed to give us time to pray through this. There was absolutely no pressure."

When the Marlers approved the plan, the paperwork was completed quickly and easily, he said.

"Bryan is blessed with Steve Keck and Lifestyle Giving. It's a very fine, ethical group, very reliable. They came back in a couple of weeks and put a financial picture together. I hope more and more people think of Bryan when it comes to estate planning."

For more information about Bryan's estate design program, contact Mr. Keck at [steve.keck@bryan.edu](mailto:steve.keck@bryan.edu) or by phone at 423.775.7581.

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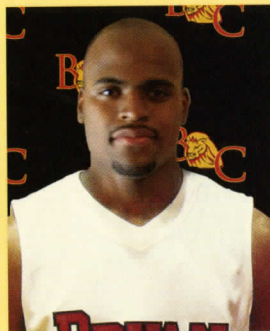
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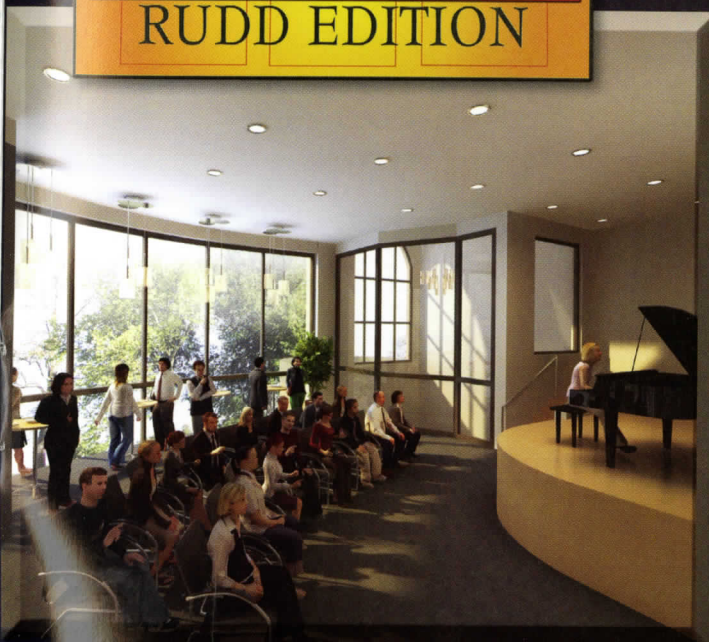
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# FACULTY/STAFF NEWS

**Mr. Jim Barth**, director of planned giving, has been elected as a member of the MainStreet Dayton board, and was named chairman of the economic restructuring committee. MainStreet's purpose is to provide a cohesive vision and plan for sustainability and future growth of businesses and to preserve the historic heritage of Dayton

**Dr. Daryl Charles** co-authored *The Just War Tradition: An Introduction*, published by ISI Books, 2011. His review of *Church, State and Public Justice: Five Views*, was published in *Cultural Encounters* 7, no. 2 (2011). In November, he spoke at the 2011 U.S. Army Command and General Staff College Ethics Symposium at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., on the topic "Caught by Surprise: The Post-Cold War Relevance of the Just War Tradition." He also spoke at the 2011 Notre Dame Ethics and Culture Conference on "My Criminal Brain Made Me Do It: Metaphysics Masquerading as Science."

**Dr. Gary Fitsimmons** attended the American Library Association midwinter meeting in Dallas, Texas, in January. Dr. Fitsimmons is the vice chair/chair elect of the Library Organization and Management Section of the Library Leadership and Management Association, a division of ALA.

**Mrs. Vonnie Johnson** attended the annual meeting of TennShare in October in Nashville, Tenn. The meeting focused on using ebooks and resource sharing for libraries across Tennessee. She and **Mrs. Keri-Lynn Paulson** attended a workshop, "Creative Approaches on Teaching Information Literacy" at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in November.

**Dr. Scott Jones** and 11 students attended a simulcast of The Elephant Room 2 video conference in January. The conference was designed to foster unity among a broad spectrum of evangelicals.

**Drs. David and Sigrid Luther** presented a musical program for the senior group of First Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, in February.

**Dr. Sigrid Luther** presented a session, "Ethics and the Music Teacher," for the Nashville Area Music Teachers Association in February.

**Mr. David Montgomery** has been named to the Community Advisory Board for East Tennessee PBS in Knoxville.

**Mrs. Keri-Lynn Paulson** attended a webinar titled "Marketing our IR to Create and Renew Buy-in from Administrators and Faculty" in December. She also took an online class in January, "Advanced Searching: Beyond the Single Search Box," dealing with the new ProQuest platform.

**Mrs. Polly Revis** recently attended three webinars pertaining to new information about cataloging books.

**Dr. Travis Ricketts** and **Dr. Kevin Clauson** attended the Hillsdale Free Market Forum in Atlanta in October.

**Dr. Roger Sanders** conducted research visits to the Botanical Research Institute of Texas in Fort Worth and the University of Texas at Austin to examine samples of *Lantana* to complete a publication on the classification of the group.

**Dr. Mel Wilhoit** led the Bryan College Flute Ensemble in a program of Christmas music as part of a fundraiser for the Rhea Medical Center in December. Also in December, he sang with the Jeff Rouché Chorale in its annual Carol and Candlelight Service at Southern Adventist University Church in Collegedale, Tenn., and sang with the Chattanooga Bach Choir at its noontime Advent Series at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chattanooga. His article, "Sing a Sankey: The Rise of Gospel Hymnody in Great Britain," appeared as a chapter in *Music and Theology in Nineteenth-Century Britain* (ed. Martin Clarke). In February he sang with a vocal ensemble representing the Chattanooga Bach Choir on Chattanooga's Channel 3 television.

**Dr. Todd Wood** presented talks on "Biology and the Flood" at the Master's College annual creation conference in February in Santa Clarita, Calif. He and college archivist and CORE assistant **Stephanie Wood**, also explored the Channel Islands for potential research topics relevant to his interest in island biology and rapid biological diversification.

**Mrs. Sharon Zensen** was named Staff Member of the Summer in recognition of her contributions to the life of the college.



"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong."

1 Corinthians 16:13

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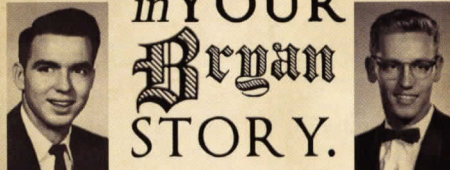
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